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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Non-Responsive Amendment

The Reply filed on August 6, 2002 (Paper No. 26) is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

In the Office action mailed February 6, 2002 (Paper No. 24), rejections/objections to claims that the Applicant has alleged to have been cancelled have not been addressed.

More concretely, there is a discrepancy in the Applicant's remarks at page 5 of Paper No. 26 and the status of the pending claims. Applicant has stated that claims 5, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 23-24, 26-29, 31 and 32 have been cancelled. The amendment (Amendment E; Paper No. 26) filed by the Applicant amends claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 18, 20, 22, 25 and 30 and present new claims 33-35. The amendment, however, does not cancel any claims.

Clarification with regard to the current status of claims 5, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 23-24, 26-29, 31 and 32 is required, and/or the Applicant is required to respond to the rejection(s)/objection(s) of claims 5, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 23-24, 26-29, 31 and 32 as presented by the Examiner in the Office action mailed February 6, 2002 (Paper No. 24).

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William J. Klimowicz whose telephone number is (703) 305-3452. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (6:30AM-5:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (703) 305-9687. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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